# Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi

Chief Financial Officer.

DATE:

OCT 3 1 2008

**SUBJECT:** 

Fiscal Impact Statement: "Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment

Framework Plan Approval Resolution of 2008"

REFERENCE:

**Draft - No Resolution Number Available** 

#### Conclusion

There is no fiscal impact at this time with the enactment of the proposed resolution. Implementing any of the goals requiring public investment as identified in the Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment Framework Plan, dated September 2008, would need to be budgeted and appropriated in future years or absorbed in existing agency budgets.

#### **Background**

The proposed resolution would approve the proposed Saint Elizabeths East Redevelopment Framework Plan ("Plan"), as submitted to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) on October 20, 2008.

The stated purpose of the Plan is to provide a strategic framework for revitalization of the East Campus of Saint Elizabeths in Ward 8. It provides guidance on land use, zoning, transportation, and other issues.

As indicated in the Mayor's letter to Chairman Gray, dated October 20, 2008, the Plan outlines strategies that are intended to:

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- 1. Facilitate development so that the East Campus of Saint Elizabeths continues to serve the people of Washington by building on its history and becoming a center for five new and revitalized neighborhoods;
- 2. Provide more detailed guidance on how the District should respond to current development opportunities and transportation, historic preservation, and sustainability challenges;
- 3. Catalyze investments in Ward 8 while meeting a variety of community needs and District priorities; and
- 4. Renew the East Campus as a community center by providing opportunities for expanded housing, retail, and community amenities.

Page 55 of the Plan provides an "Interagency Coordination & Implementation" matrix that identifies goals, recommendations, implementation strategies, sponsor agencies and organizations, and the projected timeframe for the completion of each identified goal. It also indicates whether District funding would be required to implement each goal. However, it does not commit District resources to implement such goals. Public expenditures intended to realize the goals and strategies identified in the Plan are subject to the applicable laws relating to the appropriation of District funds.

## Financial Plan Impact

There is no fiscal impact at this time with the enactment of the proposed resolution. Implementing any of the goals requiring public investment as identified in the Plan would need to be budgeted and appropriated in future years or absorbed in existing agency budgets.

Federal and District anti-deficiency laws<sup>1</sup> prohibit District officers and employees from exceeding agency appropriations in any fiscal year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 31 USCA § 1341 (2000) and D.C. Official Code § 47-355.01 et seq. (2003).